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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: FLADGARD, *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/928,259

FILED: 11 AUGUST 2001

FOR: EXTENDED LIFE CUTTING BLADES FOR HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOLS

EXAMINER: WATTS, DOUGLAS D.

ART UNIT: 3824

CONF. No: 5732

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 20 August 2003 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.